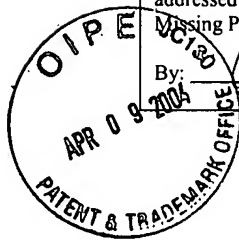


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In re the application of:

JESUS AL ORTIZ

Application No.: 10/691,391

Filed: October 21, 2003

For: ELECTROMAGNETIC
INTERFERENCE SHIELDING OF
ELECTRICAL CABLES AND
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PETITION IN REGARD TO NOTICE
OF OMITTED ITEM

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Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Notice of Incomplete Provisional Application filed under 37 CFR §1.53(b), dated March 4, 2004. A copy of the "Notice of Incomplete Application" is enclosed.

Applicants assert that the items indicated as omitted are believed in fact to have been deposited with the Patent and Trademark Office with the original application papers filed on October 21, 2003.

In accordance with the requirements of the Notice of March 4, 2004, 61 Fed. Reg. 30,041-30,046, Applicants hereby submit a copy of the stamped return postcard specifically listing seven (7) sheets of informal drawings (as originally filed in the parent application USSN 09/785,973) and seven (7) sheets of formal drawings, forwarded with the application and stamped as received by the United States Patent Office. It is noted that neither of the drawing sheets have not been lined out by the Office as having been missing. A duplicate of the seven sheets of informal drawings and formal drawings are attached hereto.

Also enclosed is a copy of PTO form "SB/05" filed in the present case on October 21, 2003. Applicant has highlighted the section of the form in Box 18, which states:

For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts. (emphasis added)

Even if Figures 12 and 13 were omitted, since Figures 12 and 13 were already incorporated into the present application, the present submission of the figures does not add new matter and the present application should maintain the original filing date of October 21, 2003.

Also, since the figures were originally incorporated into the application by reference Applicant does not believe that any amendments to the specification need to be made at this time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR §1.17(h)) and any other fees necessitated by this transmittal or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. However, since Applicants believe that this Notice was issued in error, Applicants request the Commissioner to consider this a request for a refund of the petition fee for \$130.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 4/5/04

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